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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/796,401 entitled "VARIABLE ION HAIR STYLING APPLIANCES" by Michael Cafaro; Confirmation No. 9021*  
*Our Ref. No.: HEL177/4-11US*

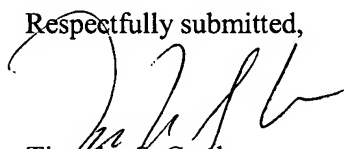
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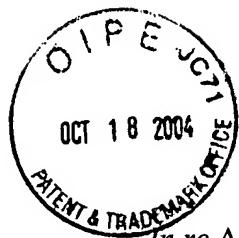
  
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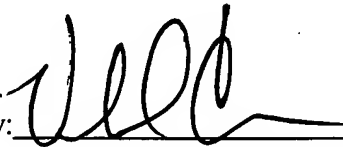
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The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints all registered patent practitioners associated with **Customer No. 21586** to act on Applicant's behalf before the United States Patent Office in connection with the captioned application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to Helen of Troy Limited referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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